

Jefferson Prepares is Theme for Flag Day

Charles Town—“*Jefferson Prepares*” is the theme for the 2006 Flag Day activities sponsored by the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security/Citizen Corps/CERT on June 14th. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in any or all of the events throughout the day, as the 229th birthday of Old Glory is celebrated!

The activities will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Court House with an official flag raising ceremony, where County Commission President, Greg Corliss will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance and local boy scouts, cub scouts and brownies will participate in the festivities by reading patriotic quotes.

Throughout the day, volunteers will be delivering copies of the “*Disaster Preparedness for People with Special Needs*” book, the “*Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors*” book, and copies of the “*West Virginia Getting Ready Guide*” to businesses and organizations throughout the County, reading Disaster Preparedness Storybooks to children in daycare centers and passing out American Flag coloring sheets and crayons to the children.

From 3 – 5 p.m. in the Jefferson County Public Meeting Room, which is located in the basement of the Old Charles Town Library, on the corners of E. Washington and N. Samuel Streets in Charles Town, there will be a premier presentation of “Is Your Family Prepared for an Emergency?” This presentation will explain how to assess your risk, make a disaster plan and assemble a disaster supply kit, and give you tips for specific emergencies. Copies of the publication, “*Are You Ready?*” will be given out to attendees while they last!

At 6:30 p.m. the National Incident Management (NIMS) Class IS-700 will be taught in the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management in Charles Town. Pre-registration is required for the NIMS class.

Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security decided to focus this year's activities on our most vulnerable populations, our elderly, our very young, our residents with special needs, and disasters' forgotten victims....pets.

Questions about any of the day's activities can be directed to Barbara Miller, JCOHS Coordinator at 728-3329 or by emailing to bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org